

## **Congressman Ryan Votes to Strengthen Our Military and Support Our Troops**

(Washington, DC) – Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) voted today for H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act. This bill brings our military strategy into the 21st century by focusing on the threats of today and preparing for the threats of tomorrow. It is another step by President Obama and the 111th Congress to take America in a new direction by ensuring that our military is fully prepared for threats and challenges worldwide and that our troops get the benefits they deserve.

“This bill improves the capacity of our armed forces, provides our troops with the tools they need to address terrorism and other global threats, and strengthens support at home for our service members and their families,” said Congressman Ryan. “As we approach Memorial Day, it is important that we reflect upon the sacrifices of the brave men and women who’ve served our country in uniform. Our democracy is the result of their selfless dedication to liberty and equality. In their honor, we must ensure that America continues to have the finest military in the world.”

This bill will strengthen our military’s readiness by authorizing \$9.9 billion to fund the equipment requirements for the Army and Marine Corps. It also ensures better protection for our troops at home by providing the funds to implement initial recommendations to address force protection policies, and abroad by providing a rapid acquisition account that allows our commanders on the ground to get equipment they need immediately.

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